



JOB POSTING
Staff Attorney – Veterans’ Rights Project
Public Benefits Practice Group
(Internal and External)

For over 50 years, Legal Aid Chicago has provided free civil legal assistance to people living in poverty in metropolitan Chicago. Each year our attorneys, volunteers, and staff help resolve civil legal problems, including domestic violence, consumer fraud, and unfair evictions.

Position: Legal Aid Chicago has a Veterans Rights Project that seeks to meet the holistic civil legal needs of military veterans and their families with special emphasis on benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Agency is seeking a full-time Staff Attorney in Public Benefits Practice Group to work within the Veterans’ Rights Project.

Responsibilities:

- Maintain a caseload of individual cases representing clients before the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Illinois Department of Human Services and in state and federal courts
- Act as a subject matter expert within the Public Benefits Practice Group concerning Veterans Benefits and civil legal issues affecting veterans
- Participate in complex litigation or advocacy to address systemic issues
- Work collaboratively with Legal Aid Chicago staff, students and volunteers to provide comprehensive legal services
- Engage in advocacy designed to have a lasting, measureable effect on our client community
- Provide appropriate advice and referrals
- Help organize and operate our intake system and veterans clinic and work with pro bono attorneys
- Participate in community outreach and support legal training and community education for clients and community partners that serve veterans
- Maintain case files and timekeeping in electronic case management system
- Work with External Relations to administer grants that support the work of the Veterans’ Rights Project

Qualifications: Applicants must be licensed to practice law in the state of Illinois or prepared to sit for the next bar exam, and have a driver’s license. Applicants must have excellent communication skills and the ability to work well under pressure. The successful applicant will be collegial, well-organized, and demonstrate a commitment to and experience with our client communities and/or people living in poverty, and applicants are encouraged to share that experience in their cover letter.

Salary: Commensurate with experience. Legal Aid Chicago offers a comprehensive benefits package, including low-cost employer-paid health plan options, employer-provided group life and long-term disability insurance, fitness center access, generous paid time off, and much more.

To Apply: Send your cover letter, resume, writing sample, and the contact information of two professional references to: resume@legalaidchicago.org. Please place “**PBPG Veterans Staff Attorney**” in the subject line of your e-mail. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and the position will remain open until filled. No phone or agency calls, please.

Legal Aid Chicago is firmly committed to creating a diverse workplace and is proud to provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants and therefore does not discriminate on the basis of creed, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age religion, marital or parental status, alienage, disability, political affiliation or belief, military or military discharge status, or ex-offender status. Applicants who have experiences with our client communities are encouraged to apply.